(b) During last three years *i.e.* 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, airport-wise losses suffered in lakhs of rupees are as under: Cuddappah — 6.72, 9.75, 9.02; Donakonda — 0.35, 0.09, 0.19; Rajamundry — 34.75, 38.75, 35.88; Tirupati — 119.73, 133.26, 178.70; Vijayawada — 103.98, 105.06, 120.76 and Vishakhapatnam — 156.59, 130.90, 101.09. There was a loss of Rs. 409.44 lakhs in 1998-99 and Rs. 598.13 lakhs in 1999-2000 and a profit of Rs. 507.45 lakhs in 2000-2001 at Hyderabad airport.

(c) These airports incurred consistent losses due to very low traffic levels, with some of the airports having no scheduled operations.

(d) Without increase in traffic, it may not be possible for these airports to make profits.

Capacity of aircrafts to Kullu and Kangra

t1638. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity of aircrafts carrying passengers to Kullu and Kangra in Himachal Pradesh per week;

(b) the number of passengers deprived of air-journey as a result of lack of sufficient capacity;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) At present, amongst all scheduled operators, only Indian Airlines is operating air services in Himachal Pradesh by Domier DO-228 aircraft with a seating capacity of 18 passengers. The flight schedule is detailed below:

Delhi-Shimla-Kullu-Delhi — 3 flights/week

Delhi-Kullu-Delhi — 3 flights/week

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Delhi-Dharmsala-Delhi — 3 flights/week

In addition, amongst the non-scheduled operators, Jagson Airlines is operating flights on Sector Delhi-Kullu-Delhi by DO-228 aircraft with a seating capacity of 18 passengers on seven days on public demand.

(c) and (d) The airlines operators keep constant watch on domestic traffic growth in respect of the routes concerned.

Flights from Cochin International airport

1639. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 408 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st August, 2001 and state:

(a) the names of the foreign airlines who have been given permission so far for operating flights from Cochin International Airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that many applications are still pending with the Ministry of Civil Aviation for want of clearance;

(c) if so, the names of the airlines; and

(d) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Kuwait Airways, Oman Air and Silk Air have so far been granted access to Cochin. Emirates Airlines of Dubai will also get access to Cochin effective September, 2002.

(b) to (d) Besides the airlines mentioned above, Gulf Air, Sri Lankan Airlines, Qatar Airways, Saudia, Yemen Airways, Aeroflot and Uzbekistan Airways have expressed interest to operate services to/from Cochin. Operation by foreign airlines from different airports in the country is reviewed from time to time and such requests are discussed during bilateral air services consultations, as and when held, with the countries of the airlines concerned.